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United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Re: TA-201-73 Steel Products
Exclusion Request Section 203 Steel Relief Filed
On behalf of Thyssen Automotive Group

Dear Sirs:

This electronic non-confidential filing is made on behalf of Thyssen Automotive Group of Detroit, Michigan, an importer of specialized and newly developed German steel qualities for use by the American Automobile Industry and in response to the U.S. Trade Representative's ("USTR") Federal Register notice of October 26, 2001 (66 FR 54321-24) in part inviting comments as to why certain steel products should be excluded from USTR's recommendation to the President for steel import relief.

As Attachments 1-7 to this letter please find our request for exclusion of seven such newly developed steel products: (1) Dual Phase Steel cold-rolled; (2) Trip Steel cold-rolled; (3) PM Phase Steel cold-rolled; (4) Dual Phase Steel hot-rolled; (5) Trip Steel hot-rolled; (6) CP Phase Steel hot rolled; and (7) MS Phase Steel hot-rolled. As noted in

the attachments, these steel qualities are so new that they are not yet entering the U.S. in commercial quantities.

We understand that the purpose of the USTR investigation is to determine appropriate remedies for the importation of steel mill products which are produced by the domestic industry. Six of the seven products for which we have requested exclusion are not produced by the U.S. industry and there is but one U.S. producer of the seventh product whose shipments are insignificant. At the same time, imports of these special qualities will clearly benefit the auto industry and the U.S. economy. For the above reasons, we conclude that good cause exists for excluding these products from any import restrictions and the language of any remedy specifically crafted to provide relief in the 201 proceeding.

Should you require any further information from us at this time, please contact Gail T. Cumins, Sharretts, Paley, Carter and Blauvelt, P.C., attorneys for Thyssen Automotive Group at (212) 425-0055.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of

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